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FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FROM AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ATHERTON PARTY

1. I AM HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING COMMERCIAL AIR RESERVATIONS WHICH WOULD GET ME TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY FOR IMPORTANT MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY ON MONDAY. PROBLEM IS THAT I CANNOT BE FINISHED IN AMMAN UNTIL AFTER MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN WHICH NOT YET FIRMLY SCHEDULED BUT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE BEFORE SATURDAY AFTERNOON. ONE POSSIBILITY WE ARE WORKING ON IS THE FOLLOWING. ALI GHANDOUR, PRESIDENT OF ALIA AIRLINES, HAS OFFERED TO GET US TO ATHENS SUNDAY MORNING IN TIME TO CATCH TWA 847 TO U.S. ARRIVING DULLES 1740 SUNDAY. HE IS NOT, HOWEVER, ABLE TO GUARANTEE RESERVATIONS ON TWA 847. WOULD YOU DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE AT YOUR END TO BOOK FOUR ECONOMY CLASS SEATS ON THAT FLIGHT FOR MRS. ATHERTON AND ME, DAVID KORN, AND SY AGENT EDWARD NAPOLIELLO

2. AS FALL BACK, WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON GETTING FROM AMMAN TO ATHENS ON REGULAR ALIA FLIGHT SUNDAY TO CATCH TWA 847 MONDAY MORNING. THIS IS DISTINCTLY NOT MY PREFERRED OPTION SINCE I SHOULD BE IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY EVENING. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, HOWEVER, IN EVENT SPACE IS NOT AVAILABLE
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ABLE ON SUNDAY FLIGHT, PLEASE SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT RESERVATIONS ON MONDAY TWA TO DULLES.SUDDARTH

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